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SUBJEC: AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

REF: STATE 122213

1. EMBOFF ON JUNE 25 BRIEFED VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETRIGNANI ON AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. EMBOFF LEF COPIES OF AGREEMENT AND OF COMMUNIQUE TO BE RELEASED AT CONCLUSION OF BREZHNEV VISIT.

2. PETRIGNANI HAD ALREADY READ AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND WELCOMED IT AS STEP IN THE DIRECTOR OF DETENTE. TO THE EXTENT THIS MEASURE MADE THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR WAR MORE REMOTE IT WOULD ALSO LESSEN POSSIBILITY FOR OTHER CONFLICT. AGREEMENT IS THEREFORE VERY SIGNIFICANT FOR EUROPE.

3. PERIGNANI SAID MOST IMPORTANT PROVISION OF AGREEMENT IN HIS VIEW WAS ARTICLE 4 WHICH HE SAID SEEMED TO RAISE AN IMPORTANT QUESTION. HE WONDERED WHETHER ARTICLE 4 WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF DELAYING ANY DEFENSIVE MEASURE U. S. MIGHT TAKE IN EUROPE TO REPEL AGGRESSION SINCE ARICLE 4 WOULD CALL FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO ANY DEFENSIVE STEPS WHICH WOULD INVOLVE RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR.

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4. EMBOFF POINTED OUT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 6 AND DREW ON SUBSTANCE OF SECTION THREE REFEL, WHICH RESPONSIVE TO PETRIGNANI'S QUESTION. HE WAS RECEPTIVE TO BRIEFING POINTS MADE, AND PENDING MORE COMPLETE STUDY, HIS INITIAL REACTION TO AGREEMENT IS THAT IT IS POSITIVE AND HISTORIC CONTRIBUTION TOWARD MAINTAINING PEACE. VOLPE

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